GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DISINVESTMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4809
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2001
DISINVESTMENT OF IBP CO. LIMITED
B.K. PARTHASARATHI;GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to disinvest Indo-Burma Petroleum Company Limited (IBPC);

(b) whether the Government have considered the recommendation of Nitish Sen Gupta Committee for mergingIBPC with either Bharat Petroleum Corporation or Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited; and

(c) if not, the basis of rejection of these recommendations ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (c) The Disinvestment Commission had recommended that Government, while retaining 26% equity in IBP, might offer the balance to an Indian oil company or joint sector oil company or foreign oil companies, through an international global bidding process. After considering various options including the one recommended in Nitish Sengupta Committee Report and all aspects, Government decided that Government would retain only 26% equity in IBP Co. Limited and disinvestment of the balance 33.6% would be carried out through international competitive bidding in which the domestic oil companies can also participate.